

Please pray for those who died recently - Herbert Spencer, Eleanor Kane, Sylvia Clark, Anne McKenna (Holytown), Fr Michal Sadowski (Poland), Margaret Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Cecilia Dunphy.

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Betty & Ian Stevenson, James McGee, Margaret Malloy, James McKinney, Edward & Mary McNulty, Kathleen Morrison, John & Celia Cooper, John Rae, Jim Hendry, Catherine McKerracher, Annie & Neil McKerracher, Sandra Brown.

Please pray for the sick -



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Collection for 24th March 2019

GiftAid Envelopes £444.00 + Standing Orders £800.00 + Loose Plate £1315.87 Total £2559.87
Stall £92.70 Votive Candles £182.23 (£19.20 to be added to the Collection for Sick & Retired Priests)

IF YOU GIFTAID FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Please collect your new book of envelopes which should be used from the weekend of 6th/7th April. Please check that we have your contact details correct, including postcode. If we have incorrect details, we would be grateful for an update as soon as possible.

STANDING ORDERS

If you pay by Standing Orders please contact Mgr Millar by phone or have a word with him at Mass today or even next weekend. We are just tidying up the administration of the whole GiftAid process. Mgr Millar will be in the sacristy after Masses today.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

Our next collection is due on the weekend of 6th/7th April. Since this is our last collection before Easter, and if you are in a position to do so, I am sure something seasonal would be greatly appreciated. Each month our contributions are removed from the church to the unit between 8.30am and 9.00am on the Monday. This is to coincide with meeting up with a voluntary team that has been put in place to receive and sort our not insubstantial donations. It would be most advantageous if all our bags were in the back porch of the church by then in order to facilitate this transfer. Many thanks.

SCIAF SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY/SUNDAY FOR SCIAF

On this SCIAF Sunday, please pray for young women around the world. Today, we especially think of Lydia and her family who are on the WEE BOX. May their story continue to inspire us in the fight against poverty. Please give what you can to the Second Collection today for SCIAF.

Lydia from Uganda writes: "Before, we had no hope. But now I have seen a great light in the future. I am so thankful to the people of Scotland for the support they are giving us. Thank you so much."

The Second Collection today is in addition to the WEE BOX Appeal. The ideal time to return your WEE BOX is at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting is on Thursday 11th April in the Oratory at 8.00pm. Mgr Millar will lead a "Lenten Reflection".

The Introit (Entrance Antiphon) for today's Mass comes from Isaiah and begins with the Latin word "Laetare!" - "Rejoice!". This Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday for many centuries, is the mid-point on our pilgrimage to the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

On this day it was the custom in the church of Calvary in Rome to bless a rose; for this blessing a rose-coloured vestment was used and that practice extended to the Universal Church. The practice of wearing a rose-coloured chasuble at Mass today, although not observed in every parish, can give a very encouraging sign to us of how the violet of Lent and the white of Easter come together to lighten our Lenten journey, as we again look at the One raised up on the Cross, which is the sign of hope and victory and not defeat.



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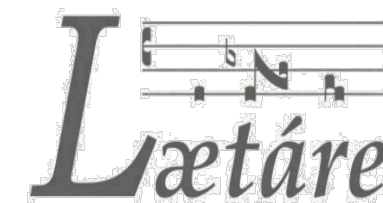
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Parish Clergy Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie

Fourth Sunday of



31st March 2019



LENTEN TALKS by Canon John Udris. Please remember there's no talk this coming Tuesday. Canon Udris will be back on Tuesday 9th April for the final instalment of "The Third Day in Sacred Scripture."

RUTHERGLEN AND EAST KILBRIDE DEANERY

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, East Kilbride
Sunday 31st March and Sunday 7th April

Mgr Millar or Fr Sean will be available for Confession at the following times

8.00am - 8.45am

10.00am - 10.45am

12 noon until 12.30pm

5.30pm - 6.15pm

St Columbkille's Church, Rutherglen

Saturday 13th April

10.30am - 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

The names of the priests who will be available for Confessions in St Columbkille's and the time slots they have taken will be given in our bulletin next weekend



THE SEASON OF LENT - WEEK FOUR

Sunday 31st March (Readings: Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32)

9.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent/Year C
11.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent/Year C
5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Oratory)
6.00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction (Oratory)
6.30pm Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent/Year C

The Music Group will lead the singing today at 11.00am Mass and again on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We thank them in advance for their help.

Monday 1st April (Readings: Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalm 29; John 4: 43-54)

9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
10.00am Mass for Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent
6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
7.00pm Mass for Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Tuesday 2nd April (Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; Psalm 45; John 5: 1-3, 5-16)

8.15am Mass for Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
10.00am Mass for Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 3rd April (Readings: Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalm 144; John 5: 17-30)

7.00am Mass for Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Mass for Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
 Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass

Thursday 4th April (Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 105; John 5: 31-47)

8.15am Mass for Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
10.00am Mass for Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass
6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Night Prayer at 7.45pm (Oratory)
7.00pm Confessions until 7.30pm (Church)

Friday 5th April (Readings: Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22; Psalm 33; John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30)

7.00am Mass for Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent
7.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am Mass for Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent Recitation of the Rosary after 10.00am Mass
7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 6th April (Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7; John 7: 40-52)

8.15am Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent (Oratory)
9.15am Confessions until 10.00am with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal & Recitation of the Rosary
10.00am Mass for Saturday in the Fourth Week of Lent (Church)
4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year
 Confessions after the Vigil Mass

Sunday 7th April (Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11)

9.00am Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year C
11.00am Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year C
5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Oratory)
6.00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction (Oratory)
6.30pm Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent/Year C

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we cover the crucifix on the sanctuary and the statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart for the final two weeks of Lent - still known by many as Passiontide. Let our focus now be on Christ in his saving passion.



Mother's Day

We offer our prayers and good wishes to all mothers and to all who take the place of our mothers.

Candles purchased for Mother's Day will be blessed at the end of Mass today and can be placed at the Lady Altar where they will be lit before the Statue of Our Blessed Lady, Mother of Jesus, and given by him to be our Mother also.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesday after 10.00am Mass. Rosary in the church and Prayers for the family afterwards in the Oratory.

PRO LIFE PRAYERS

On Wednesday in the Oratory.
 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6.40pm with Prayers for Life from 7.00pm until 7.50pm.
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 7.50pm.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

On Friday at 2.00pm in the church.

PARISH HALL

- **NO Sunday Tearoom** today, Sunday 31st March
- **Bingo** on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- **The Friendship Club** on Thursdays at 1.30pm
- **Mother & Toddler Group** restarts on Thursday 25th April
- **Wednesday Tearoom** after 10.00am Mass
- **Indoor Bowling** on Sundays from 4.00pm until 6.00pm
- **LOL Hiking Club** on Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm Sign-on and Committee Meeting

MORE INVITATIONS FOR LENT

- * With the schools on their Spring Break - we can hardly call it Easter Holidays three weeks before the feast - we encourage parents and children to make the effort to take part in one or two weekday Masses for Lent during the holiday period. Of course, if you are away on holiday, that may not be possible. But, if you are staying at home, give some serious thought to our weekday Masses and come along and join us.
- * There's also the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 9.30am or on Fridays at 7.00pm.
- * And we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays after 7.00am Mass until 9.55am and on Thursdays in the Oratory from 6.30pm until Night Prayer at 7.45pm

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT DURING LENT?

- When we use the name of Jesus in prayer it is a good practice and a long custom in our Catholic tradition to bow our heads. We should do this when we use the name of Jesus or when we hear the name of Jesus being spoken by another. This is the name by which we are saved. It is an affront for all disciples of the Lord to hear his name profaned so liberally in our society, especially in films, television shows and, sadly, even by some of his disciples. The name of Jesus Christ is to be respected and revered. It is the name of God's only Son. To use his name as a matter of course in our ordinary conversations or to use it in trying to emphasise a point we are making is surely an affront to our faith and an insult to the Lord himself. We used to call this "taking the Lord's name in vain" - a matter for the Confessional! How many would even think of confessing that they have used the Lord's name in vain? Would we even show or mention our distaste that our God's name is used in vain?
- St Paul advised us "to reverence the Lord Christ in our hearts." If we did that, would it not show in how carefully and sensitively we use his name?
- Perhaps our lack of reverence for the name of Jesus and maybe even our complete lack of awareness of how often it is profaned - even by Christians - is another indication of just how far our standards have slipped in recent times. Often, it is the lowest common denominator that we settle for so easily nowadays!
- Should we not be raising the standards rather than lowering them? And respecting the name of Jesus rather than abusing it?
- ♦ We often encourage the children preparing for the Sacraments to pray at home - even in a very simple way - with their parents and families. The Sacramental Workbook provides the occasion for such family prayer.
- ♦ How many families pray together? Some would find this a very awkward thing to do, perhaps even mildly or hugely embarrassing! And yet, for the Christian, it should be the natural thing to do. Prayer is not just for the church building or for the classroom. It should be as natural to us as breathing - and as necessary. Prayer nurtures faith and develops our relationship with God. It also brings about a peace and harmony in our relationships. When there are problems at home and in our families, do we have recourse to prayer for guidance, for wisdom, for gratitude? It is a good thing to pray on our own and a positive thing to do. It is also a good thing to pray together as a family at home - and to bring that prayer to the family who gather in Christ's name Sunday by Sunday. In the complexities and difficulties of today's world, prayer can be a very positive influence in strengthening us to carry the burdens of the day. Didn't Christ invite us to come to him when we find life burdensome, wearisome and he would lighten the load? As he carried the Cross for our salvation so he wants to carry the burdens in our lives. One of the most popular Psalms today is "On eagle's wings" - testifying to the Lord God who cares and watches over us. This Psalm needs to be lifted out of the Scriptures and brought into the lived reality of life today.